

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING, ACCESSING AND  
PAYING FOR THE USE OF COPYRIGHTED ELECTRONIC MEDIA**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

5           The present invention provides a method for identifying copyrighted content on a  
network to help ensure legal uses of the copyrighted content. The method includes searching a  
network for steganographically embedded content based on predetermined information;  
comparing data extracted from located content to the predetermined information; and, if the  
extracted data matches the predetermined information, verifying with a database  
10   whether the located content has been licensed for on-line uses.